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SUBJ: OPERATIONS: IMMIGRANT VISA CLEARANCE PROCEDURES

REF: DEPT A-1009 OF FEB 4, 1974

1. THE LAST PARAGRAPH OF THE REFERENCED AIRGRAM IS CREATING PROBLEMS HERE RE EXPEDITIOUS PROCESSING OF SOME IMMIGRANT CASES INVOLVING CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST AND ALIENS WHOSE SPECIAL SKILLS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED. THE PROBLEM LIES PRIMARILY WITH OBTAINING CLEARANCES FROM OTHER POSTS FOR RELATIVE SHORT PERIODS OF RESIDENCE OUTSIDE OF THE APPLICANT'S PRINCIPAL PLACE OF RESIDENCE. EVEN TELEGRAPHICALLY SUCH CLEARANCES CAN TAKE CONSIDERABLE TIME (WEEKS). PREVIOUSLY SUCH IMMIGRANT VISAS WERE ISSUED ON POST-CHECK BASIS. CLEARANCES HAD BEEN STARTED BUT IF ALL NOT COMPLETED BY TIME OF FORMAL INTERVIEW CONSUL HAD DISCRETION WHETHER TO ISSUE OR NOT ON POST-CHECK BASIS DEPENDING ON FACTS IN EACH CASE.

2. HOWEVER, DOES "REQUIRED CLEARANCES" IN LAST PARAGRAPH IN A-1009 REFER ONLY TO PARAGRAPH THREE OF APP E, CLEARANCE PROCEDURES, GENERAL (TL-802 OF 9/22/71)? IF SO THEN CONSULAR OFFICER STILL ABLE TO EXERCISE DISCRETION PROVIDED IN FIRST TWO PARAGRAPHS OF THE CITED REFERENCE IN APP E.

3. WOULD DEPT PLEASE CONFIRM TELEGRAPHICALLY THAT LAST PARAGRAPH OF A-1009 WAS NOT INTENDED AS REVOKATION OF APP E CLEARANCE PROCEDURES?

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